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In re Application of
Peter Palese et al
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WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicants petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed February 29, 2000, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the filing of a timely response. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

The file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on July 19, 1999, setting a one month shortened statutory period for response. When no response was received a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on February 15, 2000.

Applicants state that a reply was timely mailed to the Office on Monday, January 19, 2000, accompanied by a request for a five month extension of time. The original reply has now been located and correlated with the file. The Notice of Abandonment was therefor mailed in error.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**. The application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-7922.



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